

MINUTES OF
TOWN OF SEEKONK FINANCE COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
February 1, 2022
Meeting conducted via Zoom

PRESENT: Matthew Salisbury, Chairperson
Derek Medeiros
Nelson Almeida
Michael Brady
Normand Duquette
Phillip Yan
Michael Bradley

Director of Finance: Bruce Alexander
Communications Director Donna Wunschel
Fire Chief Sandra Lowery
Fire Captain Michael Bourque
Police Chief Dean Isabella
Deputy Chief David Enos
Selectman Christopher Zorra
Selectman Michael Healy
Assistant Town Administrator Carol Days

Mr. Salisbury called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

FY 2023 Budget-Departmental Proposed

Communications

Communications Director Donna Wunschel presented the department proposed budget for FY 2023, she explained that dispatchers' contract was negotiated during FY 22 and that these is approved increases in the budget. She explained any increases proposed and the reason for the increase.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Sandra Lowery explained changes in her proposed FY 2023 budget, firefighters have not started negotiation for FY 2023 as of yet, their contract expires June 30, 2022. Questions about staffing were asked and plans on filling vacancies.

Police Department

Chief Dean Isabella presented his proposed departmental budget with assistance from Deputy Chief Enos. The chief explained the state requirement for training of reserve officers and the cost involved. Questions about staffing were asked, questions about military leave, specialized technology and community initiatives were also answered.

Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of November 8, 2021.

Moved approval as presented Mr. Brady, second Mr. Medeiros

Aye-Salisbury, Brady, Medeiros, Bradley, Duquette, Yan

Abstain-Almeida

Reserve Fund Advisory

Mr. Alexander explained a reserve fund advisory that was the result of debt assessment at Bristol County Agricultural High School, tuition assessment of \$2,817 per student and debt assessment of \$5,979 per student. Total budget deficit is \$117,250.88

A second advisory is the result of action at Spring 2021 Town Meeting, stipends were approved for the Planning Board but no appropriation was made in the budget, total cost \$13,500.

Future Meetings

Finance Committee, Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at Seekonk Senior Center if in person meetings permitted.

Moved to adjourn, 7:40 P.M. Mr. Bradley, second Mr. Brady

Aye-Salisbury, Brady, Medeiros, Bradley, Duquette, Yan, Almeida

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Almeida, Clerk